

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PRODUCING HYDROPHOBIC SILICA FINE  
POWDER

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Examiner: A. D. Neckel

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2006, Applicant submits herewith the following for entry in the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.